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SUBJ: NEPSZABADSAG COMMENTARY ON CSCE, HUMAN RIGHTS,
INFORMATION EXCHANGES

1. HSWP DAILY NEPSZABADSAG CARRIES PRINCIPAL EDITORIAL
ARTICLE DECEMBER 18 ON CSCE SIGNED BY TAMAS PALOS,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CC AGITATION AND PROPAGANDA SECTION
AND PERSON WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR IDEOLOGICAL AND
POLITICAL GUIDANCE TO HUNGARIAN MEDIA. ARTICLE HIGHLY
UNUSUAL IN TWO RESPECTS: FIRST, PALOS ALMOST NEVER
WRITES OR SIGNS ARTICLES, AND HIS LAST SIGNED EFFORT,
A HARD-LINE PIECE ON CULTURAL AND IDEOLOGICAL VIGILANCE
AGAINST THE WEST, APPEARED EIGHT MONTHS AGO IN THE
CULTURAL MONTHLY KRITIKA. SECOND, THE ARTICLE IS
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BALANCED AND CONCILIATORY, AND USES WORDINGS IN MARKED

CONTRAST TO USUAL COMBATIVE STYLE OF HUNGARIAN EDITORIALS
ON CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL TIES WITH THE WEST.

2. PALOS STRESSES PROGRESS ACHIEVED TO DATE, NECESSITY
FOR COMPROMISES ON BASKET III, HUNGARIAN READINESS TO
REACH ACCOMMODATION, AND MOST REMARKABLE EMPHASIZES
THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPANDING HUMAN, EDUCATIONAL,
CULTURAL AND EDUCATION RELATIONS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN
DETENTE. EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT IN POSSIBLY PRESAGING
INCREASED READINESS TO REACH COMPROMISE ON BASKET III,
IS THAT PALOS ATTRIBUTES PROGRESS SO FAR TO INITIATIVE
BY SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, CITING THIS AS QUOTE PROOF THAT
EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE FREE FLOW OF IDEAS, INFORMATION
AND PEOPLES WILL NOT OPEN THE TERRAIN FOR SPREADING
ANTISOCIALIST, REACTIONARY AND BURGEONING IDEOLOGY
UNQUOTE. PALOS CITES EXAMPLE OF AGREEMENTS ON FAMILY
REUNIFICATION, PRELIMINARY ACCORDS ON ACCESS TO
INFORMATION, AND THE COMPLETION OF TEXTS ON QUOTE
OPENING WIDE POSSIBILITIES IN EDUCATIONAL FIELD
THROUGH EXCHANGES OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, TEACHING
PROGRAMS AND SCIENTIFIC WORKS UNQUOTE AS EVIDENCE OF
SUCCESSFUL SOCIALIST INITIATIVES TO MOVE FORWARD
MOST DIFFICULT PART OF CONFERENCE.

3. OTHER PARTS OF ARTICLE PRAISE PROGRESS OF CSCE
SO FAR IN SPITE OF DIFFICULTIES OF FINDING LANGUAGE
EXPRESSING COMPROMISE QUOTE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL 35
PARTICIPANTS UNQUOTE, CONTINUED NEED TO COMPROMISE,
AND READINESS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO DO SO IN THE
INTERESTS OF A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. FACT THAT PALOS, THE HARD-LINE "WORKING LEVEL"
PARTY SPOKESMAN ON CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL
IDEOLOGY, SIGNED ARTICLE AND THAT HE GIVES CREDIT TO
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES FOR BASKET III PROGRESS, CLEAR
INDICATION THAT ITS PRINCIPAL MESSAGE IS FOR
DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION, AND THAT PARTY IS SIGNALLING A
CHANGE IN POLICY WITH NEED TO ACCEPT FORESEEN CSCE
RESULTS ON GREATER FLOW OF PEOPLE AND INFORMATION.
AT THE SAME TIME ARTICLE PROVIDES AUTHORITATIVE GUIDANCE
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THAT SUCH CHANGES ARE COMPATIBLE WITH AND WILL NOT
CHANGE OR ENDANGER INTERNAL IDEOLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS.
ARTICLE IS ALSO CLEAR INDICATION THAT USE OF WORK
"INFORMATION" IN CONNECTION WITH EXPANSION OF WESTERN
CONTEXTS IN 11TH PARTY CONGRESS GUIDELINES (BUDAPEST
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